

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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SHARON THOMAS,	*	
	*	No. 14-966V
Petitioner,	*	Special Master Christian J. Moran
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v.	*	Filed: November 12, 2020
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH	*	Stipulation; Tdap vaccine;
AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	anaphylactic reaction; optic neuritis;
	*	blindness.
Respondent.	*	

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Scott W. Rooney, Nemes Rooney P.C., Farmington Hills, MI, for Petitioner;
Darryl R. Wishard, United States Dep't of Justice, Washington, DC, for
Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION¹

On November 12, 2020, the parties filed a joint stipulation concerning the petition for compensation filed by Sharon Thomas on October 9, 2014. Petitioner alleged that the Tdap vaccine she received on October 12, 2011, which is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the "Table"), 42 C.F.R. §100.3(a), caused her to suffer anaphylactic reaction, optic neuritis, and permanent blindness. Petitioner further alleges that she suffered the residual effects of these injuries for more than six months. Petitioner represents that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages on her behalf as a result of her condition.

Respondent denies that the Tdap vaccine caused petitioner to suffer from anaphylactic reaction, optic neuritis, permanent blindness, or any other injury.

¹ The E-Government Act, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services), requires that the Court post this decision on its website. Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 18(b), the parties have 14 days to file a motion proposing redaction of medical information or other information described in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4). Any redactions ordered by the special master will appear in the document posted on the website.

Nevertheless, the parties agree to the joint stipulation, attached hereto. The undersigned finds said stipulation reasonable and adopts it as the decision of the Court in awarding damages, on the terms set forth therein.

Damages awarded in that stipulation include:

A lump sum payment of \$25,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC, Appendix B, the clerk is directed to enter judgment according to this decision and the attached stipulation.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Christian J. Moran
Christian J. Moran
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.